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AN ACT

To repeal sections 32.105, 67.1501, 67.1545, 94.900, 94.902, 99.820, 135.815, 135.967, 137.115, 447.708, 620.1878, and 620.1881, RSMo, section 99.825 as enacted by senate committee substitute for house committee substitute for house bill no. 741, ninety-fourth general assembly, first regular session, and section 99.825 as enacted by conference committee substitute for house committee substitute for senate bill no. 1, eighty-ninth general assembly, second extraordinary session, and to enact in lieu thereof fifteen new sections relating to tax incentives for business development.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 32.105, 67.1501, 67.1545, 94.900, 94.902, 99.820,

- 2 135.815, 135.967, 137.115, 447.708, 620.1878, and 620.1881, RSMo, section 99.825
- 3 as enacted by senate committee substitute for house committee substitute for
- 4 house bill no. 741, ninety-fourth general assembly, first regular session, and
- 5 section 99.825 as enacted by conference committee substitute for house committee
- 6 substitute for senate bill no. 1, eighty-ninth general assembly, second
- 7 extraordinary session, are repealed and fifteen new sections enacted in lieu
- 8 thereof, to be known as sections 32.105, 67.1501, 67.1545, 94.900, 94.902, 99.820,
- $9 \quad 99.825, \ 135.682, \ 135.815, \ 135.967, \ 137.115, \ 144.057, \ 447.708, \ 620.1878, \ and$
- 10 620.1881, to read as follows:

32.105. As used in sections 32.100 to 32.125, the following terms mean:

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2 (1) "Affordable housing assistance activities", money, real or personal 3 property, or professional services expended or devoted to the construction, or 4 rehabilitation of affordable housing units;

(2) "Affordable housing unit", a residential unit generally occupied by persons and families with incomes at or below the levels described in this subdivision and bearing a cost to the occupant no greater than thirty percent of the maximum eligible household income for the affordable housing unit. In the case of owner-occupied units, the cost to the occupant shall be considered the amount of the gross monthly mortgage payment, including casualty insurance, mortgage insurance, and taxes. In the case of rental units, the cost to the occupant shall be considered the amount of the gross rent. The cost to the occupant shall include the cost of any utilities, other than telephone. If any utilities are paid directly by the occupant, the maximum cost that may be paid by the occupant is to be reduced by a utility allowance prescribed by the commission. Persons or families are eligible occupants of affordable housing units if the household combined, adjusted gross income as defined by the commission is equal to or less than the following percentages of the median family income for the geographic area in which the residential unit is located, or the median family income for the state of Missouri, whichever is larger; ("geographic area" means the metropolitan area or county designated as an area by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, for purposes of determining fair market rental rates):

24 Percent of State or

25 Geographic Area Family

26	Size of Household	Median Income
27	One Person	35%
28	Two Persons	40%
29	Three Persons	45%
30	Four Persons	50%
31	Five Persons	54%
32	Six Persons	58%
33	Seven Persons	62%
34	Eight Persons	66%

(3) "Business firm", person, firm, a partner in a firm, corporation or a shareholder in an S corporation doing business in the state of Missouri and subject to the state income tax imposed by the provisions of chapter 143, RSMo,

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including any charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax and 38 39 whose Missouri unrelated business taxable income, if any, would be subject to the state income tax imposed under such chapter, or a corporation subject to the 40 41 annual corporation franchise tax imposed by the provisions of chapter 147, RSMo, 42or an insurance company paying an annual tax on its gross premium receipts in 43 this state, or other financial institution paying taxes to the state of Missouri or any political subdivision of this state pursuant to the provisions of chapter 148, 44 45 RSMo, or an express company which pays an annual tax on its gross receipts in 46 this state;

- (4) "Commission", the Missouri housing development commission;
- 48 (5) "Community services", any type of counseling and advice, emergency 49 assistance or medical care furnished to individuals or groups in the state of 50 Missouri or transportation services at below-cost rates as provided in sections 51 208.250 to 208.275, RSMo;
- 52 (6) "Crime prevention", any activity which aids in the reduction of crime 53 in the state of Missouri;
- 54 (7) "Defense industry contractor", a person, corporation or other entity which will be or has been negatively impacted as a result of its status as a prime 55 contractor of the Department of Defense or as a second or third tier contractor. 56 57A "second tier contractor" means a person, corporation or other entity which 58 contracts to perform manufacturing, maintenance or repair services for a prime contractor of the Department of Defense, and a "third tier contractor" means a 59 60 person, corporation or other entity which contracts with a person, corporation or 61 other entity which contracts with a prime contractor of the Department of 62 Defense;
 - (8) "Doing business", among other methods of doing business in the state of Missouri, a partner in a firm or a shareholder in an S corporation shall be deemed to be doing business in the state of Missouri if such firm or S corporation, as the case may be, is doing business in the state of Missouri;
- (9) "Economic development", the acquisition, renovation, improvement, or the furnishing or equipping of existing buildings and real estate in distressed or blighted areas of the state when such acquisition, renovation, improvement, or the furnishing or equipping of the business development projects will result in the creation or retention of jobs within the state; or, until June 30, 1996, a defense conversion pilot project located in a standard metropolitan statistical area which contains a city with a population of at least three hundred fifty thousand

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inhabitants, which will assist Missouri-based defense industry contractors in conversion from predominately defense-related contracting to nondefense-oriented manufacturing. Only neighborhood organizations, as defined 76 77in subdivision (13) of this section, may apply to conduct economic development projects. Prior to the approval of an economic development project, the 78 79 neighborhood organization shall enter into a contractual agreement with the department of economic development. Credits approved for economic development 80 81 projects may not exceed [four] six million dollars from within any one fiscal 82 year's allocation, except that for fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007 credits approved for economic development projects shall not exceed six million 83 dollars]. Neighborhood assistance program tax credits for economic development 84 projects and affordable housing assistance as defined in section 32.111 may be 85 transferred, sold or assigned by a notarized endorsement thereof naming the 86 87 transferee:

- (10) "Education", any type of scholastic instruction or scholarship assistance to an individual who resides in the state of Missouri that enables the individual to prepare himself or herself for better opportunities or community awareness activities rendered by a statewide organization established for the purpose of archeological education and preservation;
- 93 (11) "Homeless assistance pilot project", the program established pursuant 94 to section 32.117;
- 95 (12) "Job training", any type of instruction to an individual who resides 96 in the state of Missouri that enables the individual to acquire vocational skills so 97 that the individual can become employable or be able to seek a higher grade of 98 employment;
- 99 (13) "Neighborhood organization", any organization performing community 100 services or economic development activities in the state of Missouri and:
- 101 (a) Holding a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service of the United 102 States Department of the Treasury that the organization is exempt from income 103 taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code; or
- 104 (b) Incorporated in the state of Missouri as a not-for-profit corporation 105 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 355, RSMo; or
- 106 (c) Designated as a community development corporation by the United 107 States government pursuant to the provisions of Title VII of the Economic 108 Opportunity Act of 1964;
- 109 (14) "Physical revitalization", furnishing financial assistance, labor,

- material, or technical advice to aid in the physical improvement or rehabilitation of any part or all of a neighborhood area;
- 112 (15) "S corporation", a corporation described in Section 1361(a)(1) of the 113 United States Internal Revenue Code and not subject to the taxes imposed by
- section 143.071, RSMo, by reason of section 143.471, RSMo;
- 115 (16) "Workfare renovation project", any project initiated pursuant to 116 sections 215.340 to 215.355, RSMo.
- 67.1501. 1. A district may use any one or more of the assessments, taxes, or other funding methods specifically authorized pursuant to sections 67.1401 to 67.1571 to provide funds to accomplish any power, duty or purpose of the district[; provided, however, no district which is located in any city not within a county and which includes any real property that is also included in a special business district established pursuant to sections 71.790 to 71.808, RSMo, prior to the establishment of the district pursuant to sections 67.1401 to 67.1571 shall have the authority to impose any such tax or assessment pursuant to sections 67.1401 to 67.1571 until such time as all taxes or special assessments imposed pursuant to sections 71.790 to 71.808, RSMo, on any real property or on any 10 business located in such special business district or on any business or individual 11 doing business in such special business district have been repealed in accordance 12 13 with this subsection. The governing body of a special business district which 14 includes real property located in a district established pursuant to sections 67.1401 to 67.1571 shall have the power to repeal all taxes and assessments 15 imposed pursuant to sections 71.790 to 71.808, RSMo, and such power may be 16 17 exercised by the adoption of a resolution by the governing body of such special business district. Upon the adoption of such resolution such special business 18 district shall no longer have the power to impose any tax or special assessment 19 pursuant to sections 71.790 to 71.808, RSMo, until such time as the district or 20 districts established pursuant to sections 67.1401 to 67.1571 which include any 2122real property that is also included in such special business district have been 23terminated or have expired pursuant to sections 67.1401 to 67.1571].
- 24 2. A district may establish different classes of real property within the district for purposes of special assessments. The levy rate for special assessments may vary for each class or subclass based on the level of benefit derived from services or improvements funded, provided or caused to be provided by the district.
 - 3. Notwithstanding anything in sections 67.1401 to 67.1571 to the

30 contrary, any district which is not a political subdivision shall have no power to

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67.1545. 1. Any district formed as a political subdivision may impose by resolution a district sales and use tax on all retail sales made in such district which are subject to taxation pursuant to sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo, except sales of motor vehicles, trailers, boats or outboard motors and sales to or by public utilities and providers of communications, cable, or video services. Any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this section may be imposed in increments of one-eighth of one percent, up to a maximum of one percent. Such district sales and use tax may be imposed for any district purpose designated by the district in its ballot of submission to its qualified voters; except that, no resolution adopted pursuant to this section shall become effective unless 10 the board of directors of the district submits to the qualified voters of the district, 11 by mail-in ballot, a proposal to authorize a sales and use tax pursuant to this section. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters on the proposed 13 sales tax are in favor of the sales tax, then the resolution is adopted. If a 14 majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters are opposed to the sales tax, 15 then the resolution is void. 16

2. The ballot shall be substantially in the following form:

 \square YES \square NO

25 If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".

- 3. Within ten days after the qualified voters have approved the imposition of the sales and use tax, the district shall, in accordance with section 32.087, RSMo, notify the director of the department of revenue. The sales and use tax authorized by this section shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter after the director of the department of revenue receives notice of the adoption of such tax.
 - 4. The director of the department of revenue shall collect any tax adopted

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pursuant to this section pursuant to section 32.087, RSMo.

- 5. In each district in which a sales and use tax is imposed pursuant to this section, every retailer shall add such additional tax imposed by the district to such retailer's sale price, and when so added such tax shall constitute a part of the purchase price, shall be a debt of the purchaser to the retailer until paid and shall be recoverable at law in the same manner as the purchase price.
- 40 6. In order to allow retailers to collect and report the sales and use tax 41 authorized by this section as well as all other sales and use taxes required by law 42in the simplest and most efficient manner possible, a district may establish appropriate brackets to be used in the district imposing a tax pursuant to this 43 section in lieu of the brackets provided in section 144.285, RSMo. 44
- 7. The penalties provided in sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo, shall 46 apply to violations of this section.
 - 8. All revenue received by the district from a sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this section which is designated for a specific purpose shall be deposited into a special trust fund and expended solely for such purpose. Upon the expiration of any sales and use tax adopted pursuant to this section, all funds remaining in the special trust fund shall continue to be used solely for the specific purpose designated in the resolution adopted by the qualified voters. Any funds in such special trust fund which are not needed for current expenditures may be invested by the board of directors pursuant to applicable laws relating to the investment of other district funds.
 - 9. A district may repeal by resolution any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this section before the expiration date of such sales and use tax unless the repeal of such sales and use tax will impair the district's ability to repay any liabilities the district has incurred, moneys the district has borrowed or obligation the district has issued to finance any improvements or services rendered for the district.
- 62 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 115, RSMo, an election for 63 a district sales and use tax under this section shall be conducted in accordance 64 with the provisions of this section.
 - 94.900. 1. The governing body of any city of the third classification with more than ten thousand eight hundred but less than ten thousand nine hundred inhabitants located at least partly within a county of the first classification with more than one hundred eighty-four thousand but less than one hundred eighty-eight thousand inhabitants, or any city of the fourth classification

with more than eight thousand nine hundred but fewer than nine thousand inhabitants, is hereby authorized to impose, by ordinance or order, a sales tax in the amount of up to one-half of one percent on all retail sales made in such city which are subject to taxation under the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo, for the purpose of improving the public safety for such city, 10 including but not limited to expenditures on equipment, city employee salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire and emergency medical providers. The tax authorized by this section shall be in addition to any and all other sales taxes 13 allowed by law, except that no ordinance or order imposing a sales tax pursuant 14to the provisions of this section shall be effective unless the governing body of the 15city submits to the voters of the city, at a county or state general, primary or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body of the city to impose 17 18 a tax. 19 2. If the proposal submitted involves only authorization to impose the tax 20 authorized by this section, the ballot of submission shall contain, but need not be 21limited to, the following language: 22 Shall the city of (city's name) impose a citywide 23 sales tax of (insert amount) for the purpose of improving the public safety 24of the city? □ NO 25 \square YES If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes". If you 26 27 are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No". If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting 2829 thereon are in favor of the proposal submitted pursuant to this subsection, then 30 the ordinance or order and any amendments thereto shall be in effect on the first 31 day of the second calendar quarter [immediately following the election 32approving the proposal after the director of revenue receives notification 33 of adoption of the local sales tax. If a proposal receives less than the required majority, then the governing body of the city shall have no power to 3435 impose the sales tax herein authorized unless and until the governing body of the 36 city shall again have submitted another proposal to authorize the governing body 37 of the city to impose the sales tax authorized by this section and such proposal is approved by the required majority of the qualified voters voting 38 thereon. However, in no event shall a proposal pursuant to this section be 39 40 submitted to the voters sooner than twelve months from the date of the last

proposal pursuant to this section.

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- 3. All revenue received by a city from the tax authorized under the provisions of this section shall be deposited in a special trust fund and shall be used solely for improving the public safety for such city for so long as the tax shall remain in effect.
- 4. Once the tax authorized by this section is abolished or is terminated by
 any means, all funds remaining in the special trust fund shall be used solely for
 improving the public safety for the city. Any funds in such special trust fund
 which are not needed for current expenditures may be invested by the governing
 body in accordance with applicable laws relating to the investment of other city
 funds.
 - 5. All sales taxes collected by the director of the department of revenue under this section on behalf of any city, less one percent for cost of collection which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund after payment of premiums for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087, RSMo, shall be deposited in a special trust fund, which is hereby created [in the state treasury], to be known as the "City Public Safety Sales Tax Trust Fund". The moneys in the trust fund shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall not be commingled with any funds of the state. The provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary notwithstanding, money in this fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of the general revenue fund. The director of the department of revenue shall keep accurate records of the amount of money in the trust and which was collected in each city imposing a sales tax pursuant to this section, and the records shall be open to the inspection of officers of the city and the public. Not later than the tenth day of each month the director of the department of revenue shall distribute all moneys deposited in the trust fund during the preceding month to the city which levied the tax; such funds shall be deposited with the city treasurer of each such city, and all expenditures of funds arising from the trust fund shall be by an appropriation act to be enacted by the governing body of each such city. Expenditures may be made from the fund for any functions authorized in the ordinance or order adopted by the governing body submitting the tax to the voters.
 - 6. The director of the department of revenue may [authorize the state treasurer to] make refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to any city for erroneous payments and overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such cities. If any city abolishes the tax, the city shall notify the director of the department of revenue

of the action at least ninety days prior to the effective date of the repeal and the 78 79 director of the department of revenue may order retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of the amount collected after receipt of such 80 81 notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the tax and to redeem 82 dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one 83 year has elapsed after the effective date of abolition of the tax in such city, the director of the department of revenue shall remit the balance in the account to 84 85 the city and close the account of that city. The director of the department of 86 revenue shall notify each city of each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the city. 87

- 7. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087, RSMo, shall apply to the tax imposed pursuant to this section.
- 94.902. 1. The governing body of any city of the third classification with 2 more than twenty-six thousand three hundred but less than twenty-six thousand seven hundred inhabitants, or any city of the fourth classification with more than thirty thousand three hundred but fewer than thirty thousand seven hundred inhabitants, may impose, by order or ordinance, a sales tax on all retail sales made in the city which are subject to taxation under chapter 144, RSMo. The tax authorized in this section may be imposed in an 8 amount of up to one-half of one percent, and shall be imposed solely for the 9 purpose of improving the public safety for such city, including but not limited to 10 expenditures on equipment, city employee salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire and emergency medical providers. The tax authorized in this section 11 shall be in addition to all other sales taxes imposed by law, and shall be stated 12separately from all other charges and taxes. The order or ordinance imposing a 13 sales tax under this section shall not become effective unless the governing body 14 of the city submits to the voters residing within the city, at a county or state 15general, primary, or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body 16 17 of the city to impose a tax under this section.
- 18 2. The ballot of submission for the tax authorized in this section shall be 19 in substantially the following form:

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If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting 26 27 thereon are in favor of the proposal, then the ordinance or order and any amendments to the order or ordinance shall become effective on the first day of 2829 the second calendar quarter after the director of revenue receives notice of the 30 adoption of the sales tax. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the 31 qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the proposal, then the tax shall not 32become effective unless the proposal is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and such proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified 33 voters voting on the proposal. However, in no event shall a proposal under this 34 section be submitted to the voters sooner than twelve months from the date of the 35 36 last proposal under this section.

3. Any sales tax imposed under this section shall be administered, collected, enforced, and operated as required in section 32.087, RSMo. All sales taxes collected by the director of the department of revenue under this section on behalf of any city, less one percent for cost of collection which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund after payment of premiums for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087, RSMo, shall be deposited in a special trust fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury, to be known as the "City Public Safety Sales Tax Trust Fund". The moneys in the trust fund shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall not be commingled with any funds of the state. The provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary notwithstanding, money in this fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of the general revenue fund. The director shall keep accurate records of the amount of money in the trust fund and which was collected in each city imposing a sales tax under this section, and the records shall be open to the inspection of officers of the city and the public. Not later than the tenth day of each month the director shall distribute all moneys deposited in the trust fund during the preceding month to the city which levied the tax. Such funds shall be deposited with the city treasurer of each such city, and all expenditures of funds arising from the trust fund shall be by an appropriation act to be enacted by the governing body of each such city. Expenditures may be made from the fund for any functions authorized in the ordinance or order adopted by the governing body submitting the tax to the voters. If the tax is repealed, all funds remaining in the special trust fund shall

59 continue to be used solely for the designated purposes. Any funds in the special 60 trust fund which are not needed for current expenditures shall be invested in the 61 same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on 62 such investments shall be credited to the fund.

- 4. The director of the department of revenue may authorize the state treasurer to make refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to any city for erroneous payments and overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such cities. If any city abolishes the tax, the city shall notify the director of the action at least ninety days before the effective date of the repeal, and the director may order retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of the amount collected after receipt of such notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the tax and to redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one year has elapsed after the effective date of abolition of the tax in such city, the director shall remit the balance in the account to the city and close the account of that city. The director shall notify each city of each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the city.
- 5. The governing body of any city that has adopted the sales tax authorized in this section may submit the question of repeal of the tax to the voters on any date available for elections for the city. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:

 \square YES \square NO

If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal are in favor of repeal, that repeal shall become effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the repeal, then the sales tax authorized in this section shall remain effective until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters, and the repeal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

6. Whenever the governing body of any city that has adopted the sales tax authorized in this section receives a petition, signed by ten percent of the registered voters of the city voting in the last gubernatorial election, calling for

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94 an election to repeal the sales tax imposed under this section, the governing body 95 shall submit to the voters of the city a proposal to repeal the tax. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in 96 97 favor of the repeal, that repeal shall become effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved. If a majority of the votes 98 99 cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the 100 repeal, then the tax shall remain effective until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and the repeal is approved by a majority of the 101 102 qualified voters voting on the question.

7. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087, RSMo, shall apply to the tax imposed under this section.

99.820. 1. A municipality may:

- 2 (1) By ordinance introduced in the governing body of the municipality within fourteen to ninety days from the completion of the hearing required in 3 section 99.825, approve redevelopment plans and redevelopment projects, and designate redevelopment project areas pursuant to the notice and hearing 5 requirements of sections 99.800 to 99.865. No redevelopment project shall be 6 7 approved unless a redevelopment plan has been approved and a redevelopment area has been designated prior to or concurrently with the approval of such redevelopment project and the area selected for the redevelopment project shall 10 include only those parcels of real property and improvements thereon directly and 11 substantially benefited by the proposed redevelopment project improvements;
- 12 (2) Make and enter into all contracts necessary or incidental to the 13 implementation and furtherance of its redevelopment plan or project;
- (3) Pursuant to a redevelopment plan, subject to any constitutional 14 limitations, acquire by purchase, donation, lease or, as part of a redevelopment 15 project, eminent domain, own, convey, lease, mortgage, or dispose of, land and 16 other property, real or personal, or rights or interests therein, and grant or 17 acquire licenses, easements and options with respect thereto, all in the manner 18 and at such price the municipality or the commission determines is reasonably 19 necessary to achieve the objectives of the redevelopment plan. No conveyance, 20 21lease, mortgage, disposition of land or other property, acquired by the 22municipality, or agreement relating to the development of the property shall be 23 made except upon the adoption of an ordinance by the governing body of the municipality. Each municipality or its commission shall establish written 24

- 25 procedures relating to bids and proposals for implementation of the
- 26 redevelopment projects. Furthermore, no conveyance, lease, mortgage, or other
- 27 disposition of land or agreement relating to the development of property shall be
- 28 made without making public disclosure of the terms of the disposition and all bids
- 29 and proposals made in response to the municipality's request. Such procedures
- 30 for obtaining such bids and proposals shall provide reasonable opportunity for
- 31 any person to submit alternative proposals or bids;
- 32 (4) Within a redevelopment area, clear any area by demolition or removal 33 of existing buildings and structures;
- 34 (5) Within a redevelopment area, renovate, rehabilitate, or construct any 35 structure or building;
- 36 (6) Install, repair, construct, reconstruct, or relocate streets, utilities, and 37 site improvements essential to the preparation of the redevelopment area for use 38 in accordance with a redevelopment plan;
- 39 (7) Within a redevelopment area, fix, charge, and collect fees, rents, and 40 other charges for the use of any building or property owned or leased by it or any 41 part thereof, or facility therein;
- 42 (8) Accept grants, guarantees, and donations of property, labor, or other 43 things of value from a public or private source for use within a redevelopment 44 area;
 - (9) Acquire and construct public facilities within a redevelopment area;
- 46 (10) Incur redevelopment costs and issue obligations;
- 47 (11) Make payment in lieu of taxes, or a portion thereof, to taxing 48 districts;
- 49 (12) Disburse surplus funds from the special allocation fund to taxing 50 districts as follows:
- 51 (a) Such surplus payments in lieu of taxes shall be distributed to taxing 52 districts within the redevelopment area which impose ad valorem taxes on a basis 53 that is proportional to the current collections of revenue which each taxing 54 district receives from real property in the redevelopment area;
- 55 (b) Surplus economic activity taxes shall be distributed to taxing districts 56 in the redevelopment area which impose economic activity taxes, on a basis that 57 is proportional to the amount of such economic activity taxes the taxing district 58 would have received from the redevelopment area had tax increment financing 59 not been adopted;

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- 60 (c) Surplus revenues, other than payments in lieu of taxes and economic 61 activity taxes, deposited in the special allocation fund, shall be distributed on a 62 basis that is proportional to the total receipt of such other revenues in such 63 account in the year prior to disbursement;
- 64 (13) If any member of the governing body of the municipality, a member 65 of a commission established pursuant to subsection 2 or 3 of this section, or an employee or consultant of the municipality, involved in the planning and 66 67 preparation of a redevelopment plan, or redevelopment project for a 68 redevelopment area or proposed redevelopment area, owns or controls an interest, direct or indirect, in any property included in any redevelopment area, or 69 70 proposed redevelopment area, which property is designated to be acquired or improved pursuant to a redevelopment project, he or she shall disclose the same 71in writing to the clerk of the municipality, and shall also so disclose the dates, 7273 terms, and conditions of any disposition of any such interest, which disclosures shall be acknowledged by the governing body of the municipality and entered 74upon the minutes books of the governing body of the municipality. If an 7576 individual holds such an interest, then that individual shall refrain from any further official involvement in regard to such redevelopment plan, redevelopment 77 project or redevelopment area, from voting on any matter pertaining to such 78 79 redevelopment plan, redevelopment project or redevelopment area, or 80 communicating with other members concerning any matter pertaining to that 81 redevelopment plan, redevelopment project or redevelopment area. Furthermore, 82 no such member or employee shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any 83 property in a redevelopment area or proposed redevelopment area after either (a) such individual obtains knowledge of such plan or project, or (b) first public notice 84 of such plan, project or area pursuant to section 99.830, whichever first occurs; 85
 - (14) Charge as a redevelopment cost the reasonable costs incurred by its clerk or other official in administering the redevelopment project. The charge for the clerk's or other official's costs shall be determined by the municipality based on a recommendation from the commission, created pursuant to this section.
 - 2. Prior to adoption of an ordinance approving the designation of a redevelopment area or approving a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project, the municipality shall create a commission of nine persons if the municipality is a county or a city not within a county and not a first class county with a charter form of government with a population in excess of nine hundred thousand, and

- 95 eleven persons if the municipality is not a county and not in a first class county
- 96 with a charter form of government having a population of more than nine
- 97 hundred thousand, and twelve persons if the municipality is located in or is a
- 98 first class county with a charter form of government having a population of more
- 99 than nine hundred thousand, to be appointed as follows:
- 100 (1) In all municipalities two members shall be appointed by the school
- 101 boards whose districts are included within the redevelopment plan or
- 102 redevelopment area. Such members shall be appointed in any manner agreed
- 103 upon by the affected districts;
- 104 (2) In all municipalities one member shall be appointed, in any manner
- 105 agreed upon by the affected districts, to represent all other districts levying ad
- 106 valorem taxes within the area selected for a redevelopment project or the
- 107 redevelopment area, excluding representatives of the governing body of the
- 108 municipality;
- 109 (3) In all municipalities six members shall be appointed by the chief
- 110 elected officer of the municipality, with the consent of the majority of the
- 111 governing body of the municipality;
- 112 (4) In all municipalities which are not counties and not in a first class
- 113 county with a charter form of government having a population in excess of nine
- 114 hundred thousand, two members shall be appointed by the county of such
- 115 municipality in the same manner as members are appointed in subdivision (3) of
- 116 this subsection;
- 117 (5) In a municipality which is a county with a charter form of government
- 118 having a population in excess of nine hundred thousand, three members shall be
- 119 appointed by the cities in the county which have tax increment financing districts
- 120 in a manner in which the cities shall agree;
- 121 (6) In a municipality which is located in the first class county with a
- 122 charter form of government having a population in excess of nine hundred
- 123 thousand, three members shall be appointed by the county of such municipality
- 124 in the same manner as members are appointed in subdivision (3) of this
- 125 subsection;
- 126 (7) [Effective January 1, 2008, in a municipality which is in a county
- 127 under the authority of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, except
- 128 any municipality in any county of the first classification with more than
- 129 ninety-three thousand eight hundred but fewer than ninety-three thousand nine

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130 hundred inhabitants, the municipality shall create a commission in the same 131 manner as the commission for any county with a charter form of government and with more than one million inhabitants, such commission shall have twelve 132 133 members with two such members appointed by the school boards whose districts 134 are included in the county in a manner in which such school boards agree, with 135 one such member to represent all other districts levying ad valorem taxes in a 136 manner in which all such districts agree, six such members appointed either by 137 the county executive or county commissioner, and three such members appointed 138 by the cities in the county which have tax increment financing districts in a manner in which the cities shall agree; 139

- (8) Effective January 1, 2008, when any city, town, or village under the authority of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, except any municipality in any county of the first classification with more than ninety-three thousand eight hundred but fewer than ninety-three thousand nine hundred inhabitants, desires to implement a tax increment financing project, such city, town, or village shall first obtain the permission of the county tax increment financing commission created in this subsection within which the city, town, or village is located. In the event such commission votes in opposition to the redevelopment project, such redevelopment project shall not be approved unless at least two-thirds of the governing body of the city, town, or village votes to approve such project;
- 151 (9)] At the option of the members appointed by the municipality, the 152members who are appointed by the school boards and other taxing districts may serve on the commission for a term to coincide with the length of time a 153 redevelopment project, redevelopment plan or designation of a redevelopment 154 area is considered for approval by the commission, or for a definite term pursuant 155 to this subdivision. If the members representing school districts and other taxing 156 districts are appointed for a term coinciding with the length of time a 157 redevelopment project, plan or area is approved, such term shall terminate upon 158 159 final approval of the project, plan or designation of the area by the governing body of the municipality. Thereafter the commission shall consist of the six 160 161 members appointed by the municipality, except that members representing school 162 boards and other taxing districts shall be appointed as provided in this section 163 prior to any amendments to any redevelopment plans, redevelopment projects or designation of a redevelopment area. If any school district or other taxing 164

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jurisdiction fails to appoint members of the commission within thirty days of receipt of written notice of a proposed redevelopment plan, redevelopment project or designation of a redevelopment area, the remaining members may proceed to 167168 exercise the power of the commission. Of the members first appointed by the municipality, two shall be designated to serve for terms of two years, two shall 169170be designated to serve for a term of three years and two shall be designated to serve for a term of four years from the date of such initial 171appointments. Thereafter, the members appointed by the municipality shall 172serve for a term of four years, except that all vacancies shall be filled for 173unexpired terms in the same manner as were the original 174175 appointments. Members appointed by the county executive or presiding commissioner prior to August 28, 2008, shall continue their service on 176 177 the commission established in subsection 3 of this section without further appointment unless the county executive or presiding 178 179 commissioner appoints a new member or members.

- 3. [The commission] Beginning August 28, 2008:
- (1) In lieu of a commission created under subsection 2 of this section, any city, town, or village in a county with a charter form of government and with more than one million inhabitants, in a county with a charter form of government and with more than two hundred fifty thousand but fewer than three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, or in a county of the first classification with more than one hundred eighty-five thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants shall, prior to adoption of an ordinance approving the designation of a redevelopment area or approving a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project, create a commission consisting of twelve persons to be appointed as follows:
- (a) Six members appointed either by the county executive or presiding commissioner; notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no approval by the county's governing body shall be required;
- (b) Three members appointed by the cities, towns, or villages in 196 the county which have tax increment financing districts in a manner 197 in which the chief elected officials of such cities, towns, or villages 198 agree;
- 199 (c) Two members appointed by the school boards whose districts

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200 are included in the county in a manner in which the school boards 201 agree; and

202 (d) One member to represent all other districts levying ad 203 valorem taxes in the proposed redevelopment area in a manner in 204 which all such districts agree.

No city, town, or village subject to this subsection shall create or maintain a commission under subsection 2 of this section, except as necessary to complete a public hearing for which notice under section 99.830 has been provided prior to August 28, 2008, and to vote or make recommendations relating to redevelopment plans, redevelopment projects, or designation of redevelopment areas, or amendments thereto that were the subject of such public hearing;

(2) Members appointed to the commission created under this subsection, except those six members appointed by either the county executive or presiding commissioner, shall serve on the commission for a term to coincide with the length of time a redevelopment project, redevelopment plan, or designation of a redevelopment area is considered for approval by the commission. The six members appointed by either the county executive or the presiding commissioner shall serve on all such commissions until replaced. The city, town, or village that creates a commission under this subsection shall send notice thereof by certified mail to the county executive or presiding commissioner, to the school districts whose boundaries include any portion of the proposed redevelopment area, and to the other taxing districts whose boundaries include any portion of the proposed redevelopment area. The city, town, or village that creates the commission shall also be solely responsible for notifying all other cities, towns, and villages in the county that have tax increment financing districts and shall exercise all administrative functions of the commission. The school districts receiving notice from the city, town, or village shall be solely responsible for notifying the other school districts within the county of the formation of the commission. If the county, school board, or other taxing district fails to appoint members to the commission within thirty days after the city, town, or village sends the written notice, as provided herein, that it has convened such a commission or within thirty days of the expiration of any such

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236 member's term, the remaining duly appointed members of the 237 commission may exercise the full powers of the commission.

- 4. (1) Any commission created under this section, subject to approval of the governing body of the municipality, may exercise the powers enumerated in sections 99.800 to 99.865, except final approval of plans, projects and designation of redevelopment areas. The commission shall hold public hearings and provide notice pursuant to sections 99.825 and 99.830. [The]
- (2) Any commission created under subsection 2 of this section shall 243 vote on all proposed redevelopment plans, redevelopment projects and 244245designations of redevelopment areas, and amendments thereto, within thirty days 246 following completion of the hearing on any such plan, project or designation and shall make recommendations to the governing body within ninety days of the 247hearing referred to in section 99.825 concerning the adoption of or amendment to 248redevelopment plans and redevelopment projects and the designation of 249 redevelopment areas. The requirements of subsection 2 of this section and this 250251subsection shall not apply to redevelopment projects upon which the required 252hearings have been duly held prior to August 31, 1991.
- (3) Any commission created under subsection 3 of this section shall, within fifteen days of the receipt of a redevelopment plan meeting the minimum requirements of section 99.810, as determined by counsel to the city, town, or village creating the commission and a request by the applicable city, town, or village for a public hearing, fix a time and place for the public hearing referred to in section 25899.825. The public hearing shall be held no later than seventy-five days from the commission's receipt of such redevelopment plan and request public hearing. The commission shall vote and make recommendations to the governing body of the city, town, or village requesting the public hearing on all proposed redevelopment plans, redevelopment projects, and designations of redevelopment areas, and amendments thereto within thirty days following the completion of the 266public hearing. If the commission fails to vote within thirty days following the completion of the public hearing referred to in section 99.825 concerning the proposed redevelopment plan, redevelopment 268project, or designation of redevelopment area, or amendments thereto, such plan, project, designation, or amendment thereto shall be deemed 270

271 rejected by the commission.

99.825. 1. Prior to the adoption of an ordinance proposing the designation of a redevelopment area, or approving a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project, the commission shall fix a time and place for a public hearing as required in subsection 4 of section 99.820 and notify each taxing district located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the proposed redevelopment area, plan or project. At the public hearing any interested person or affected taxing district may file with the commission written objections to, or comments on, and may be heard orally in respect to, any issues embodied in the notice. The 8 commission shall hear and consider all protests, objections, comments and other 10 evidence presented at the hearing. The hearing may be continued to another date without further notice other than a motion to be entered upon the minutes fixing 11 the time and place of the subsequent hearing; provided, if the commission is 12 created under subsection 3 of section 99.820, the hearing shall not be 13 continued for more than thirty days beyond the date on which it is 14 originally opened unless such longer period is requested by the chief 15 16 elected official of the municipality creating the commission and approved by a majority of the commission. Prior to the conclusion of the 17 hearing, changes may be made in the redevelopment plan, redevelopment project, 18 19 or redevelopment area, provided that each affected taxing district is given written 20 notice of such changes at least seven days prior to the conclusion of the hearing. After the public hearing but prior to the adoption of an ordinance 21 22 approving a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project, or designating a 23redevelopment area, changes may be made to the redevelopment plan, redevelopment projects or redevelopment areas without a further hearing, if such 2425 changes do not enlarge the exterior boundaries of the redevelopment area or areas, and do not substantially affect the general land uses established in the 26 27 redevelopment plan or substantially change the nature of the redevelopment projects, provided that notice of such changes shall be given by mail to each 2829 affected taxing district and by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed redevelopment not less than ten days prior to the 30 31 adoption of the changes by ordinance. After the adoption of an ordinance approving a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project, or designating a 32redevelopment area, no ordinance shall be adopted altering the exterior boundaries, affecting the general land uses established pursuant to the

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- 2. Effective January 1, 2008, if, after concluding the hearing required under this section, the commission makes a recommendation under section 99.820 in opposition to a proposed redevelopment plan, redevelopment project, or designation of a redevelopment area, or any amendments thereto, a municipality desiring to approve such project, plan, designation, or amendments shall do so only upon a two-thirds majority vote of the governing body of such municipality.
- 3. Tax incremental financing projects within an economic development area shall apply to and fund only the following infrastructure projects: highways, roads, streets, bridges, sewers, traffic control systems and devices, water distribution and supply systems, curbing, sidewalks and any other similar public improvements, but in no case shall it include buildings.

[99.825. 1. Prior to the adoption of an ordinance proposing the designation of a redevelopment area, or approving a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project, the commission shall fix a time and place for a public hearing and notify each taxing district located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the proposed redevelopment area, plan or project. At the public hearing any interested person or affected taxing district may file with the commission written objections to, or comments on, and may be heard orally in respect to, any issues embodied in the notice. The commission shall hear and consider all protests, objections, comments and other evidence presented at the hearing. The hearing may be continued to another date without further notice other than a motion to be entered upon the minutes fixing the time and place of the subsequent hearing. Prior to the conclusion of the hearing, changes may be made in the redevelopment plan, redevelopment project, or redevelopment area, provided that each affected taxing district is given written notice of such changes at least seven days prior to the conclusion of the hearing. After the public hearing but prior to the adoption of an

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2. Tax incremental financing projects within an economic development area shall apply to and fund only the following infrastructure projects: highways, roads, streets, bridges, sewers, traffic control systems and devices, water distribution and supply systems, curbing, sidewalks and any other similar public improvements, but in no case shall it include buildings.]

135.682. 1. The director of the department of economic development or the director's designee shall issue letter rulings regarding the tax credit program authorized under section 135.680, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section. The director of the department of economic development may impose additional terms and conditions consistent with this section to requests for letter rulings by regulation promulgated under chapter 536,

- 8 RSMo. For the purposes of this section, the term "letter ruling" means
 9 a written interpretation of law to a specific set of facts provided by the
- 10 applicant requesting a letter ruling.
- 2. The director or director's designee shall respond to a request for a letter ruling within sixty days of receipt of such request. The applicant may provide a draft letter ruling for the department's consideration. The applicant may withdraw the request for a letter ruling, in writing, prior to the issuance of the letter ruling. The director or the director's designee may refuse to issue a letter ruling
- 17 for good cause, but must list the specific reasons for refusing to issue
- 18 the letter ruling. Good cause includes, but is not limited to:
- 19 (1) The applicant requests the director to determine whether a 20 statute is constitutional or a regulation is lawful;
- 21 (2) The request involves a hypothetical situation or alternative 22 plans;
- 23 (3) The facts or issues presented in the request are unclear, 24 overbroad, insufficient, or otherwise inappropriate as a basis upon 25 which to issue a letter ruling; and
- 26 (4) The issue is currently being considered in a rulemaking 27 procedure, contested case, or other agency or judicial proceeding that 28 may definitely resolve the issue.
- 3. Letter rulings shall bind the director and the director's agents and their successors until such time as the taxpayer or its shareholders, members, or partners, as applicable, claim all of such tax credits on a Missouri tax return, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in properly published regulations. The letter ruling shall apply only to the applicant.
- 4. Letter rulings issued under the authority of this section shall not be a rule as defined in section 536.010, RSMo, in that it is an interpretation issued by the department with respect to a specific set of facts and intended to apply only to that specific set of facts, and therefore shall not be subject to the rulemaking requirements of chapter 536, RSMo.
- 5. Information in letter ruling requests as described in section 620.014, RSMo, shall be closed to the public. Copies of letter rulings shall be available to the public provided that the applicant identifying

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information and otherwise protected information is redacted from the letter ruling as provided in subsection 1 of section 610.024, RSMo.

135.815. 1. Prior to authorization of any tax credit application, an 2 administering agency shall verify through the department of revenue that the tax 3 credit applicant does not owe any delinquent income, sales, or use taxes, or interest or penalties on such taxes, and through the department of insurance that the applicant does not owe any delinquent insurance taxes. Such delinquency shall not affect the authorization of the application for such tax credits, except 6 that the amount of credits issued shall be reduced by the applicant's tax 7 8 delinquency. If the department of revenue or the department of insurance concludes that a taxpayer is delinquent after June fifteenth but before July first 10 of any year, and the application of tax credits to such delinquency causes a tax deficiency on behalf of the taxpayer to arise, then the taxpayer shall be granted 11 thirty days to satisfy the deficiency in which interest, penalties, and additions to 12tax shall be tolled. After applying all available credits towards a tax delinquency, 13 the administering agency shall notify the appropriate department, and that 14 department shall update the amount of outstanding delinquent tax owed by the 15 applicant. If any credits remain after satisfying all insurance, income, sales, and 16 use tax delinquencies, the remaining credits shall be issued to the applicant, 17 subject to the restrictions of other provisions of law. 18

2. Any applicant of a tax credit program contained in the definition of the term "all tax credit programs" who purposely and directly employs unauthorized aliens shall forfeit any tax credits issued to such applicant which have not been redeemed, and shall repay the amount of any tax credits redeemed by such applicant during the period of time such unauthorized alien was employed by the applicant. As used in this subsection, the term "unauthorized alien" shall mean an alien who does not have the legal right or authorization under federal law to work in the United States, as defined under Section 8 U.S.C. 1324a(h)(3).

135.967. 1. A taxpayer who establishes a new business facility may, upon approval by the department, be allowed a credit, each tax year for up to ten tax years, in an amount determined as set forth in this section, against the tax imposed by chapter 143, RSMo, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo. No taxpayer shall receive multiple ten-year periods

- 6 for subsequent expansions at the same facility.
- 7 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any taxpayer who
- 8 establishes a new business facility in an enhanced enterprise zone and is awarded
- 9 state tax credits under this section may not also receive tax credits under sections
- 10 135.100 to 135.150, sections 135.200 to [135.268] 135.286, or section 135.535,
- 11 and may not simultaneously receive tax credits under sections 620.1875
- 12 to 620.1890, RSMo, at the same facility.
- 13 3. No credit shall be issued pursuant to this section unless:
- 14 (1) The number of new business facility employees engaged or maintained
- 15 in employment at the new business facility for the taxable year for which the
- 16 credit is claimed equals or exceeds two; and
- 17 (2) The new business facility investment for the taxable year for which the
- 18 credit is claimed equals or exceeds one hundred thousand dollars.
- 19 4. The annual amount of credits allowed for an approved enhanced
- 20 business enterprise shall be the lesser of:
- 21 (1) The annual amount authorized by the department for the enhanced
- 22 business enterprise, which shall be limited to the projected state economic
- 23 benefit, as determined by the department; or
- 24 (2) The sum calculated based upon the following:
- 25 (a) A credit of four hundred dollars for each new business facility
- 26 employee employed within an enhanced enterprise zone;
- 27 (b) An additional credit of four hundred dollars for each new business
- 28 facility employee who is a resident of an enhanced enterprise zone;
- 29 (c) An additional credit of four hundred dollars for each new business
- 30 facility employee who is paid by the enhanced business enterprise a wage that
- 31 exceeds the average wage paid within the county in which the facility is located,
- 32 as determined by the department; and
- 33 (d) A credit equal to two percent of new business facility investment
- 34 within an enhanced enterprise zone.
- 35 5. Prior to January 1, 2007, in no event shall the department authorize
- 36 more than four million dollars annually to be issued for all enhanced business
- 37 enterprises. After December 31, 2006, in no event shall the department authorize
- 38 more than [fourteen] twenty-four million dollars annually to be issued for all
- 39 enhanced business enterprises.
- 40 6. If a facility, which does not constitute a new business facility, is

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- expanded by the taxpayer, the expansion shall be considered eligible for the credit 41 42 allowed by this section if:
- (1) The taxpayer's new business facility investment in the expansion 43 44 during the tax period in which the credits allowed in this section are claimed exceeds one hundred thousand dollars and if the number of new business facility 46 employees engaged or maintained in employment at the expansion facility for the taxable year for which credit is claimed equals or exceeds two, and the total 48 number of employees at the facility after the expansion is at least two greater than the total number of employees before the expansion; and
 - (2) The taxpayer's investment in the expansion and in the original facility prior to expansion shall be determined in the manner provided in subdivision (14) of section 135.950.
 - 7. The number of new business facility employees during any taxable year shall be determined by dividing by twelve the sum of the number of individuals employed on the last business day of each month of such taxable year. If the new business facility is in operation for less than the entire taxable year, the number of new business facility employees shall be determined by dividing the sum of the number of individuals employed on the last business day of each full calendar month during the portion of such taxable year during which the new business facility was in operation by the number of full calendar months during such period. For the purpose of computing the credit allowed by this section in the case of a facility which qualifies as a new business facility under subsection 6 of this section, and in the case of a new business facility which satisfies the requirements of paragraph (c) of subdivision (14) of section 135.950, or subdivision (22) of section 135.950, the number of new business facility employees at such facility shall be reduced by the average number of individuals employed, computed as provided in this subsection, at the facility during the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which such expansion, acquisition, or replacement occurred and shall further be reduced by the number of individuals employed by the taxpayer or related taxpayer that was subsequently transferred to the new business facility from another Missouri facility and for which credits authorized in this section are not being earned, whether such credits are earned because of an expansion, acquisition, relocation, or the establishment of a new facility.
 - 8. In the case where a new business facility employee who is a resident

of an enhanced enterprise zone for less than a twelve-month period is employed for less than a twelve-month period, the credits allowed by paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of subsection 4 of this section shall be determined by multiplying four hundred dollars by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of calendar days during the taxpayer's tax year for which such credits are claimed, in which the employee was a resident of an enhanced enterprise zone, and the denominator of which is three hundred sixty-five.

- 9. For the purpose of computing the credit allowed by this section in the case of a facility which qualifies as a new business facility pursuant to subsection 6 of this section, and in the case of a new business facility which satisfies the requirements of paragraph (c) of subdivision (14) of section 135.950 or subdivision (22) of section 135.950, the amount of the taxpayer's new business facility investment in such facility shall be reduced by the average amount, computed as provided in subdivision (14) of section 135.950 for new business facility investment, of the investment of the taxpayer, or related taxpayer immediately preceding such expansion or replacement or at the time of acquisition. Furthermore, the amount of the taxpayer's new business facility investment shall also be reduced by the amount of investment employed by the taxpayer or related taxpayer which was subsequently transferred to the new business facility from another Missouri facility and for which credits authorized in this section are not being earned, whether such credits are earned because of an expansion, acquisition, relocation, or the establishment of a new facility.
- 10. For a taxpayer with flow-through tax treatment to its members, partners, or shareholders, the credit shall be allowed to members, partners, or shareholders in proportion to their share of ownership on the last day of the taxpayer's tax period.
- 102 11. Credits may not be carried forward but shall be claimed for the taxable year during which commencement of commercial operations occurs at such new business facility, and for each of the nine succeeding taxable years for which the credit is issued.
 - 12. Certificates of tax credit authorized by this section may be transferred, sold, or assigned by filing a notarized endorsement thereof with the department that names the transferree, the amount of tax credit transferred, and the value received for the credit, as well as any other information reasonably requested by the department. The sale price cannot be less than seventy-five

111 percent of the par value of such credits.

112 13. The director of revenue shall issue a refund to the taxpayer to the
113 extent that the amount of credits allowed in this section exceeds the amount of
114 the taxpayer's income tax.

115 14. Prior to the issuance of tax credits, the department shall verify 116 through the department of revenue, or any other state department, that the tax 117 credit applicant does not owe any delinquent income, sales, or use tax or interest 118 or penalties on such taxes, or any delinquent fees or assessments levied by any 119 state department and through the department of insurance that the applicant 120 does not owe any delinquent insurance taxes. Such delinquency shall not affect 121 the authorization of the application for such tax credits, except that the amount of credits issued shall be reduced by the applicant's tax delinquency. If the 122123 department of revenue or the department of insurance, or any other state 124 department, concludes that a taxpayer is delinquent after June fifteenth but before July first of any year and the application of tax credits to such delinquency 125 126 causes a tax deficiency on behalf of the taxpayer to arise, then the taxpayer shall 127 be granted thirty days to satisfy the deficiency in which interest, penalties, and 128 additions to tax shall be tolled. After applying all available credits toward a tax 129 delinquency, the administering agency shall notify the appropriate department, 130 and that department shall update the amount of outstanding delinquent tax owed 131 by the applicant. If any credits remain after satisfying all insurance, income, 132 sales, and use tax delinquencies, the remaining credits shall be issued to the 133 applicant, subject to the restrictions of other provisions of law.

137.115. 1. All other laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the assessor or the assessor's deputies in all counties of this state including the city of St. 2 Louis shall annually make a list of all real and tangible personal property taxable 3 in the assessor's city, county, town or district. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of this section and section 137.078, the assessor shall annually 5 assess all personal property at thirty-three and one-third percent of its true value in money as of January first of each calendar year. The assessor shall annually 7 assess all real property, including any new construction and improvements to real 8 property, and possessory interests in real property at the percent of its true value 10 in money set in subsection 5 of this section. The true value in money of any 11 possessory interest in real property in subclass (3), where such real property is on or lies within the ultimate airport boundary as shown by 12

a federal airport layout plan, as defined by 14 CFR 151.5 of a commercial airport having a FAR Part 139 certification and owned by 14 a political subdivision, shall be the otherwise applicable true value in 15 money of any such possessory interest in real property, less the total 16 dollar amount of costs paid by a party, other than the political 17subdivision, towards any new construction or improvements on such 18 real property completed after January 1, 2008, and which are included 19 20 in the above-mentioned possessory interest, regardless of the year in 21which such costs were incurred or whether such costs were considered in any prior year. The assessor shall annually assess all real property in the 2223following manner: new assessed values shall be determined as of January first of each odd-numbered year and shall be entered in the assessor's books; those 2425same assessed values shall apply in the following even-numbered year, except for 26 new construction and property improvements which shall be valued as though 27they had been completed as of January first of the preceding odd-numbered 28year. The assessor may call at the office, place of doing business, or residence of 29each person required by this chapter to list property, and require the person to make a correct statement of all taxable tangible personal property owned by the 30 person or under his or her care, charge or management, taxable in the county. On 31 or before January first of each even-numbered year, the assessor shall prepare 3233 and submit a two-year assessment maintenance plan to the county governing body and the state tax commission for their respective approval or 34 modification. The county governing body shall approve and forward such plan or 35 its alternative to the plan to the state tax commission by February first. If the 36 37 county governing body fails to forward the plan or its alternative to the plan to 38 the state tax commission by February first, the assessor's plan shall be considered 39 approved by the county governing body. If the state tax commission fails to approve a plan and if the state tax commission and the assessor and the 40 governing body of the county involved are unable to resolve the differences, in 41 42order to receive state cost-share funds outlined in section 137.750, the county or the assessor shall petition the administrative hearing commission, by May first, 43 to decide all matters in dispute regarding the assessment maintenance 44 plan. Upon agreement of the parties, the matter may be stayed while the parties 45 proceed with mediation or arbitration upon terms agreed to by the parties. The 46 final decision of the administrative hearing commission shall be subject to judicial

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review in the circuit court of the county involved. In the event a valuation of 48 49 subclass (1) real property within any county with a charter form of government, or within a city not within a county, is made by a computer, computer-assisted 50 51method or a computer program, the burden of proof, supported by clear, convincing and cogent evidence to sustain such valuation, shall be on the assessor 5253 at any hearing or appeal. In any such county, unless the assessor proves otherwise, there shall be a presumption that the assessment was made by a 5455 computer, computer-assisted method or a computer program. Such evidence shall 56 include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (1) The findings of the assessor based on an appraisal of the property by generally accepted appraisal techniques; and
- (2) The purchase prices from sales of at least three comparable properties and the address or location thereof. As used in this [paragraph] subdivision, the word "comparable" means that:
 - (a) Such sale was closed at a date relevant to the property valuation; and
- (b) Such properties are not more than one mile from the site of the disputed property, except where no similar properties exist within one mile of the disputed property, the nearest comparable property shall be used. Such property shall be within five hundred square feet in size of the disputed property, and resemble the disputed property in age, floor plan, number of rooms, and other relevant characteristics.
- 2. Assessors in each county of this state and the city of St. Louis may send personal property assessment forms through the mail.
- 3. The following items of personal property shall each constitute separate subclasses of tangible personal property and shall be assessed and valued for the purposes of taxation at the following percentages of their true value in money:
- 74 (1) Grain and other agricultural crops in an unmanufactured condition, 75 one-half of one percent;
 - (2) Livestock, twelve percent;
 - (3) Farm machinery, twelve percent;
- (4) Motor vehicles which are eligible for registration as and are registered as historic motor vehicles pursuant to section 301.131, RSMo, and aircraft which are at least twenty-five years old and which are used solely for noncommercial purposes and are operated less than fifty hours per year or aircraft that are home built from a kit, five percent;

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- 83 (5) Poultry, twelve percent; and
- 84 (6) Tools and equipment used for pollution control and tools and 85 equipment used in retooling for the purpose of introducing new product lines or 86 used for making improvements to existing products by any company which is 87 located in a state enterprise zone and which is identified by any standard 88 industrial classification number cited in subdivision (6) of section 135.200, RSMo, 89 twenty-five percent.
- 4. The person listing the property shall enter a true and correct statement of the property, in a printed blank prepared for that purpose. The statement, after being filled out, shall be signed and either affirmed or sworn to as provided in section 137.155. The list shall then be delivered to the assessor.
 - 5. All subclasses of real property, as such subclasses are established in section 4(b) of article X of the Missouri Constitution and defined in section 137.016, shall be assessed at the following percentages of true value:
- 97 (1) For real property in subclass (1), nineteen percent;
 - (2) For real property in subclass (2), twelve percent; and
- 99 (3) For real property in subclass (3), thirty-two percent.
- 100 6. Manufactured homes, as defined in section 700.010, RSMo, which are actually used as dwelling units shall be assessed at the same percentage of true 101 102 value as residential real property for the purpose of taxation. The percentage of 103 assessment of true value for such manufactured homes shall be the same as for 104 residential real property. If the county collector cannot identify or find the 105 manufactured home when attempting to attach the manufactured home for payment of taxes owed by the manufactured home owner, the county collector 106 may request the county commission to have the manufactured home removed from 107the tax books, and such request shall be granted within thirty days after the 108 109 request is made; however, the removal from the tax books does not remove the tax lien on the manufactured home if it is later identified or found. A manufactured 110 home located in a manufactured home rental park, rental community or on real 111 estate not owned by the manufactured home owner shall be considered personal 112113 property. A manufactured home located on real estate owned by the 114 manufactured home owner may be considered real property.
- 7. Each manufactured home assessed shall be considered a parcel for the purpose of reimbursement pursuant to section 137.750, unless the manufactured home has been converted to real property in compliance with section 700.111,

118 RSMo, and assessed as a realty improvement to the existing real estate parcel.

- 8. Any amount of tax due and owing based on the assessment of a manufactured home shall be included on the personal property tax statement of the manufactured home owner unless the manufactured home has been converted to real property in compliance with section 700.111, RSMo, in which case the amount of tax due and owing on the assessment of the manufactured home as a realty improvement to the existing real estate parcel shall be included on the real property tax statement of the real estate owner.
 - 9. The assessor of each county and each city not within a county shall use the trade-in value published in the October issue of the National Automobile Dealers' Association Official Used Car Guide, or its successor publication, as the recommended guide of information for determining the true value of motor vehicles described in such publication. In the absence of a listing for a particular motor vehicle in such publication, the assessor shall use such information or publications which in the assessor's judgment will fairly estimate the true value in money of the motor vehicle.
 - 10. Before the assessor may increase the assessed valuation of any parcel of subclass (1) real property by more than fifteen percent since the last assessment, excluding increases due to new construction or improvements, the assessor shall conduct a physical inspection of such property.
 - 11. If a physical inspection is required, pursuant to subsection 10 of this section, the assessor shall notify the property owner of that fact in writing and shall provide the owner clear written notice of the owner's rights relating to the physical inspection. If a physical inspection is required, the property owner may request that an interior inspection be performed during the physical inspection. The owner shall have no less than thirty days to notify the assessor of a request for an interior physical inspection.
- 12. A physical inspection, as required by subsection 10 of this section, shall include, but not be limited to, an on-site personal observation and review of all exterior portions of the land and any buildings and improvements to which the inspector has or may reasonably and lawfully gain external access, and shall include an observation and review of the interior of any buildings or improvements on the property upon the timely request of the owner pursuant to subsection 11 of this section. Mere observation of the property via a "drive-by inspection" or the like shall not be considered sufficient to constitute a physical

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153 inspection as required by this section.

13. The provisions of subsections 11 and 12 of this section shall only apply
in any county with a charter form of government with more than one million
inhabitants.

14. A county or city collector may accept credit cards as proper form of payment of outstanding property tax or license due. No county or city collector may charge surcharge for payment by credit card which exceeds the fee or surcharge charged by the credit card bank, processor, or issuer for its service. A county or city collector may accept payment by electronic transfers of funds in payment of any tax or license and charge the person making such payment a fee equal to the fee charged the county by the bank, processor, or issuer of such electronic payment.

15. Any county or city not within a county in this state may, by an affirmative vote of the governing body of such county, opt out of the provisions of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100, RSMo, as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session and section 137.073 as modified by [this act] house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, for the next year of the general reassessment, prior to January first of any year. No county or city not within a county shall exercise this opt-out provision after implementing the provisions of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100, RSMo, as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session and section 137.073 as modified by [this act] house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, in a year of general reassessment. For the purposes of applying the provisions of this subsection, a political subdivision contained within two or more counties where at least one of such counties has opted out and at least one of such counties has not opted out shall calculate a single tax rate as in effect prior to the enactment of house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session. A governing body of a city not within a county or a county that has opted out under the provisions of this subsection may choose to implement the provisions of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100, RSMo, as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general

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affirmative vote of the governing body prior to December thirty-first of any year.

16. The governing body of any city of the third classification with more than twenty-six thousand three hundred but fewer than twenty-six thousand seven hundred inhabitants located in any county that has exercised its authority to opt out under subsection 15 of this section may levy separate and differing tax rates for real and personal property only if such city bills and collects its own property taxes or satisfies the entire cost of the billing and collection of such separate and differing tax rates. Such separate and differing rates shall not exceed such city's tax rate ceiling.

144.057. In addition to the exemptions granted under this chapter, there shall also be specifically exempted from state and local sales and use taxes defined, levied, or calculated under section 32.085, RSMo, sections 144.010 to 144.525, sections 144.600 to 144.761, or section 238.235, RSMo, all tangible personal property included on the United States munitions list, as provided in 22 CFR 121.1, sold to or purchased by any foreign government or agency or instrumentality of such foreign government which is used for a governmental purpose.

447.708. 1. For eligible projects, the director of the department of economic development, with notice to the directors of the departments of natural resources and revenue, and subject to the other provisions of sections 447.700 to 447.718, may not create a new enterprise zone but may decide that a prospective operator of a facility being remedied and renovated pursuant to sections 447.700 to 447.718 may receive the tax credits and exemptions pursuant to sections 135.100 to 135.150, RSMo, and sections 135.200 to 135.257, RSMo. The tax credits allowed pursuant to this subsection shall be used to offset the tax imposed by chapter 143, RSMo, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, or the tax otherwise imposed by chapter 147, RSMo, or the tax otherwise imposed by chapter 147, RSMo, or the tax otherwise imposes of this subsection:

12 (1) For receipt of the ad valorem tax abatement pursuant to section 13 135.215, RSMo, the eligible project must create at least ten new jobs or retain 14 businesses which supply at least twenty-five existing jobs. The city, or county if

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the eligible project is not located in a city, must provide ad valorem tax abatement of at least fifty percent for a period not less than ten years and not more than twenty-five years;

- 18 (2) For receipt of the income tax exemption pursuant to section 135.220, RSMo, and tax credit for new or expanded business facilities pursuant to sections 19 20 135.100 to 135.150, and 135.225, RSMo, the eligible project must create at least ten new jobs or retain businesses which supply at least twenty-five existing jobs, 21or combination thereof. For purposes of sections 447.700 to 447.718, the tax 2223 credits described in section 135.225, RSMo, are modified as follows: the tax credit shall be four hundred dollars per employee per year, an additional four hundred 2425 dollars per year for each employee exceeding the minimum employment thresholds of ten and twenty-five jobs for new and existing businesses, 26 respectively, an additional four hundred dollars per year for each person who is 27"a person difficult to employ" as defined by section 135.240, RSMo, and 28 investment tax credits at the same amounts and levels as provided in subdivision 29 (4) of subsection 1 of section 135.225, RSMo; 30
 - (3) For eligibility to receive the income tax refund pursuant to section 135.245, RSMo, the eligible project must create at least ten new jobs or retain businesses which supply at least twenty-five existing jobs, or combination thereof, and otherwise comply with the provisions of section 135.245, RSMo, for application and use of the refund and the eligibility requirements of this section;
 - (4) The eligible project operates in compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations, including permitting and registration requirements, of this state as well as the federal and local requirements;
- 39 (5) The eligible project operator shall file such reports as may be required 40 by the director of economic development or the director's designee;
- 41 (6) The taxpayer may claim the state tax credits authorized by this subsection and the state income exemption for a period not in excess of ten consecutive tax years. For the purpose of this section, "taxpayer" means an individual proprietorship, partnership or corporation described in section 143.441 or 143.471, RSMo, who operates an eligible project. The director shall determine the number of years the taxpayer may claim the state tax credits and the state income exemption based on the projected net state economic benefits attributed to the eligible project;
- 49 (7) For the purpose of meeting the new job requirement prescribed in

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50 subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection, it shall be required that at least ten new jobs be created and maintained during the taxpayer's tax period for 51 which the credits are earned, in the case of an eligible project that does not 52 53 replace a similar facility in Missouri. "New job" means a person who was not previously employed by the taxpayer or related taxpayer within the twelve-month 54 55 period immediately preceding the time the person was employed by that taxpayer to work at, or in connection with, the eligible project on a full-time 56 57 basis. "Full-time basis" means the employee works an average of at least 58 thirty-five hours per week during the taxpayer's tax period for which the tax credits are earned. For the purposes of this section, "related taxpayer" has the 59 60 same meaning as defined in subdivision (9) of section 135.100, RSMo;

- (8) For the purpose of meeting the existing job retention requirement, if the eligible project replaces a similar facility that closed elsewhere in Missouri prior to the end of the taxpayer's tax period in which the tax credits are earned, it shall be required that at least twenty-five existing jobs be retained at, and in connection with the eligible project, on a full-time basis during the taxpayer's tax period for which the credits are earned. "Retained job" means a person who was previously employed by the taxpayer or related taxpayer, at a facility similar to the eligible project that closed elsewhere in Missouri prior to the end of the taxpayer's tax period in which the tax credits are earned, within the tax period immediately preceding the time the person was employed by the taxpayer to work at, or in connection with, the eligible project on a full-time basis. "Full-time basis" means the employee works an average of at least thirty-five hours per week during the taxpayer's tax period for which the tax credits are earned;
- 74(9) In the case where an eligible project replaces a similar facility that closed elsewhere in Missouri prior to the end of the taxpayer's tax period in which 75 the tax credits are earned, the owner and operator of the eligible project shall 76 provide the director with a written statement explaining the reason for 77 discontinuing operations at the closed facility. The statement shall include a 7879 comparison of the activities performed at the closed facility prior to the date the facility ceased operating, to the activities performed at the eligible project, and 80 81 a detailed account describing the need and rationale for relocating to the eligible 82 project. If the director finds the relocation to the eligible project significantly impaired the economic stability of the area in which the closed facility was 83 located, and that such move was detrimental to the overall economic development 84

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85 efforts of the state, the director may deny the taxpayer's request to claim tax 86 benefits;

- (10) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the purpose of this section, the number of new jobs created and maintained, the number of existing jobs retained, and the value of new qualified investment used at the eligible project during any tax year shall be determined by dividing by twelve, in the case of jobs, the sum of the number of individuals employed at the eligible project, or in the case of new qualified investment, the value of new qualified investment used at the eligible project, on the last business day of each full calendar month of the tax year. If the eligible project is in operation for less than the entire tax year, the number of new jobs created and maintained, the number of existing jobs retained, and the value of new qualified investment created at the eligible project during any tax year shall be determined by dividing the sum of the number of individuals employed at the eligible project, or in the case of new qualified investment, the value of new qualified investment used at the eligible project, on the last business day of each full calendar month during the portion of the tax year during which the eligible project was in operation, by the number of full calendar months during such period;
- (11) For the purpose of this section, "new qualified investment" means new business facility investment as defined and as determined in subdivision (7) of section 135.100, RSMo, which is used at and in connection with the eligible project. "New qualified investment" shall not include small tools, supplies and inventory. "Small tools" means tools that are portable and can be hand held.
- 2. The determination of the director of economic development pursuant to subsection 1 of this section, shall not affect requirements for the prospective purchaser to obtain the approval of the granting of real property tax abatement by the municipal or county government where the eligible project is located.
- 3. (1) The director of the department of economic development, with the approval of the director of the department of natural resources, may, in addition to the tax credits allowed in subsection 1 of this section, grant a remediation tax credit to the applicant for up to one hundred percent of the costs of materials, supplies, equipment, labor, professional engineering, consulting and architectural fees, permitting fees and expenses, demolition, asbestos abatement, and direct utility charges for performing the voluntary remediation activities for the preexisting hazardous substance contamination and releases, including, but not

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limited to, the costs of performing operation and maintenance of the remediation equipment at the property beyond the year in which the systems and equipment are built and installed at the eligible project and the costs of performing the voluntary remediation activities over a period not in excess of four tax years following the taxpayer's tax year in which the system and equipment were first put into use at the eligible project, provided the remediation activities are the subject of a plan submitted to, and approved by, the director of natural resources pursuant to sections 260.565 to 260.575, RSMo. The tax credit may also include up to one hundred percent of the costs of demolition that are not directly part of the remediation activities, provided that the demolition is on the property where the voluntary remediation activities are occurring, the demolition is necessary to accomplish the planned use of the facility where the remediation activities are occurring, and the demolition is part of a redevelopment plan approved by the municipal or county government and the department of economic development. The demolition may occur on an adjacent property if the project is located in a municipality which has a population less than twenty thousand and the above conditions are 138 otherwise met. The adjacent property shall independently qualify as abandoned or underutilized. The amount of the credit available for demolition not associated with remediation can not exceed the total amount of credits approved for remediation including demolition required for remediation.

- (2) [The director of the department of economic development, with the approval of the director of the department of natural resources, may, in addition to the tax credits otherwise allowed in this section, grant a demolition tax credit to the applicant for up to one hundred percent of the costs of demolition that are not part of the voluntary remediation activities, provided that the demolition is either on the property where the voluntary remediation activities are occurring or on any adjacent property, and that the demolition is part of a redevelopment plan approved by the municipal or county government and the department of economic development.
- 152 (3)] The amount of remediation [and demolition] tax credits issued shall 153 be limited to the least amount necessary to cause the project to occur, as 154 determined by the director of the department of economic development.

- [(4)] (3) The director may, with the approval of the director of natural resources, extend the tax credits allowed for performing voluntary remediation maintenance activities, in increments of three-year periods, not to exceed five consecutive three-year periods. The tax credits allowed in this subsection shall be used to offset the tax imposed by chapter 143, RSMo, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, or the tax otherwise imposed by chapter 147, RSMo, or the tax otherwise imposed by chapter 148, RSMo. The remediation [and demolition] tax credit may be taken in the same tax year in which the tax credits are received or may be taken over a period not to exceed twenty years.
 - [(5)] (4) The project facility shall be projected to create at least ten new jobs or at least twenty-five retained jobs, or a combination thereof, as determined by the department of economic development, to be eligible for tax credits pursuant to this section.
 - [(6)] (5) No more than seventy-five percent of earned remediation tax credits may be issued when the remediation costs were paid, and the remaining percentage may be issued when the department of natural resources issues a "Letter of Completion" letter or covenant not to sue following completion of the voluntary remediation activities. It shall not include any costs associated with ongoing operational environmental compliance of the facility or remediation costs arising out of spills, leaks, or other releases arising out of the ongoing business operations of the facility.
 - 4. In the exercise of the sound discretion of the director of the department of economic development or the director's designee, the tax credits and exemptions described in this section may be terminated, suspended or revoked, if the eligible project fails to continue to meet the conditions set forth in this section. In making such a determination, the director shall consider the severity of the condition violation, actions taken to correct the violation, the frequency of any condition violations and whether the actions exhibit a pattern of conduct by the eligible facility owner and operator. The director shall also consider changes in general economic conditions and the recommendation of the director of the department of natural resources, or his or her designee, concerning the severity, scope, nature, frequency and extent of any violations of the environmental compliance conditions. The taxpayer or person claiming the tax credits or exemptions may appeal the decision regarding termination, suspension or

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revocation of any tax credit or exemption in accordance with the procedures outlined in subsections 4 to 6 of section 135.250, RSMo. The director of the department of economic development shall notify the directors of the departments of natural resources and revenue of the termination, suspension or revocation of any tax credits as determined in this section or pursuant to the provisions of section 447.716.

- 5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no taxpayer shall earn the tax credits, exemptions or refund otherwise allowed in subdivisions (2), (3) and (4) of subsection 1 of this section and the tax credits otherwise allowed in section 135.110, RSMo, or the tax credits, exemptions and refund otherwise allowed in sections 135.215, 135.220, 135.225 and 135.245, RSMo, respectively, for the same facility for the same tax period.
- 6. The total amount of the tax credits allowed in subsection 1 of this section may not exceed the greater of:
- 204 (1) That portion of the taxpayer's income attributed to the eligible project; 205 or
- 206 (2) One hundred percent of the total business' income tax if the eligible 207 facility does not replace a similar facility that closed elsewhere in Missouri prior 208 to the end of the taxpayer's tax period in which the tax credits are earned, and 209 further provided the taxpayer does not operate any other facilities besides the 210 eligible project in Missouri; fifty percent of the total business' income tax if the 211 eligible facility replaces a similar facility that closed elsewhere in Missouri prior 212to the end of the taxpayer's tax period in which the credits are earned, and 213 further provided the taxpayer does not operate any other facilities besides the eligible project in Missouri; or twenty-five percent of the total business income if 214the taxpayer operates, in addition to the eligible facility, any other facilities in 215 216 Missouri. In no case shall a taxpayer operating more than one eligible project in 217 Missouri be allowed to offset more than twenty-five percent of the taxpayer's 218 business income in any tax period. That portion of the taxpayer's income 219 attributed to the eligible project as referenced in subdivision (1) of this subsection, for which the credits allowed in sections 135.110 and 135.225, RSMo, 220 221 and subsection 3 of this section, may apply, shall be determined in the same 222manner as prescribed in subdivision (6) of section 135.100, RSMo. That portion 223 of the taxpayer's franchise tax attributed to the eligible project for which the remediation tax credit may offset, shall be determined in the same manner as 224

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- 7. Taxpayers claiming the state tax benefits allowed in subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection 1 of this section shall be required to file all applicable tax credit applications, forms and schedules prescribed by the director during the taxpayer's tax period immediately after the tax period in which the eligible project was first put into use. Otherwise, the taxpayer's right to claim such state tax benefits shall be forfeited. Unused business facility and enterprise zone tax credits shall not be carried forward but shall be initially claimed for the tax period during which the eligible project was first capable of being used, and during any applicable subsequent tax periods.
- 8. Taxpayers claiming the remediation tax credit allowed in subsection 3 of this section shall be required to file all applicable tax credit applications, forms and schedules prescribed by the director during the taxpayer's tax period immediately after the tax period in which the eligible project was first put into use, or during the taxpayer's tax period immediately after the tax period in which the voluntary remediation activities were performed.
- 9. The recipient of remediation tax credits, for the purpose of this subsection referred to as assignor, may assign, sell or transfer, in whole or in part, the remediation tax credit allowed in subsection 3 of this section, to any other person, for the purpose of this subsection referred to as assignee. To perfect the transfer, the assignor shall provide written notice to the director of the assignor's intent to transfer the tax credits to the assignee, the date the transfer is effective, the assignee's name, address and the assignee's tax period and the amount of tax credits to be transferred. The number of tax periods during which the assignee may subsequently claim the tax credits shall not exceed twenty tax periods, less the number of tax periods the assignor previously claimed the credits before the transfer occurred.
- 10. In the case where an operator and assignor of an eligible project has been certified to claim state tax benefits allowed in subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection 1 of this section, and sells or otherwise transfers title of the eligible project to another taxpayer or assignee who continues the same or substantially similar operations at the eligible project, the director shall allow the assignee to claim the credits for a period of time to be determined by the director; except that, the total number of tax periods the tax credits may be earned by the assignor and the assignee shall not exceed ten. To perfect the transfer, the

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assignor shall provide written notice to the director of the assignor's intent to transfer the tax credits to the assignee, the date the transfer is effective, the assignee's name, address, and the assignee's tax period, and the amount of tax credits to be transferred.

- 11. For the purpose of the state tax benefits described in this section, in the case of a corporation described in section 143.471, RSMo, or partnership, in computing Missouri's tax liability, such state benefits shall be allowed to the following:
- 268 (1) The shareholders of the corporation described in section 143.471, 269 RSMo;
- 270 (2) The partners of the partnership.

The credit provided in this subsection shall be apportioned to the entities described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection in proportion to their share of ownership on the last day of the taxpayer's tax period.

620.1878. For the purposes of sections 620.1875 to 620.1890, the following 2 terms shall mean:

- 3 (1) "Approval", a document submitted by the department to the qualified 4 company that states the benefits that may be provided by this program;
 - (2) "Average wage", the new payroll divided by the number of new jobs;
 - (3) "Commencement of operations", the starting date for the qualified company's first new employee, which must be no later than twelve months from the date of the approval;
- 9 (4) "County average wage", the average wages in each county as 10 determined by the department for the most recently completed full calendar year. However, if the computed county average wage is above the statewide 11 average wage, the statewide average wage shall be deemed the county average 12 wage for such county for the purpose of determining eligibility. The department 13 14 shall publish the county average wage for each county at least annually. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision to the contrary, for 15 any qualified company that in conjunction with their project is relocating 16 employees from a Missouri county with a higher county average wage, the 17 18 company shall obtain the endorsement of the governing body of the community from which jobs are being relocated or the county average wage for their project 19 20 shall be the county average wage for the county from which the employees are 21being relocated;

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- 22 (5) "Department", the Missouri department of economic development;
- 23 (6) "Director", the director of the department of economic development;
- (7) "Employee", a person employed by a qualified company; 24
- 25(8) "Full-time employee", an employee of the qualified company that is 26 scheduled to work an average of at least thirty-five hours per week for a 27 twelve-month period, and one for which the qualified company offers health 28 insurance and pays at least fifty percent of such insurance premiums;
- 29 (9) "High-impact project", a qualified company that, within two years from 30 commencement of operations, creates one hundred or more new jobs;
 - (10) "Local incentives", the present value of the dollar amount of direct benefit received by a qualified company for a project facility from one or more local political subdivisions, but shall not include loans or other funds provided to the qualified company that must be repaid by the qualified company to the political subdivision;
- (11) "NAICS", the 1997 edition of the North American Industry 36 Classification System as prepared by the Executive Office of the President, Office 37 of Management and Budget. Any NAICS sector, subsector, industry group or 38 industry identified in this section shall include its corresponding classification in 39 subsequent federal industry classification systems; 40
 - (12) "New direct local revenue", the present value of the dollar amount of direct net new tax revenues of the local political subdivisions likely to be produced by the project over a ten-year period as calculated by the department, excluding local earnings tax, and net new utility revenues, provided the local incentives include a discount or other direct incentives from utilities owned or operated by the political subdivision;
- (13) "New investment", the purchase or leasing of new tangible assets to 47 be placed in operation at the project facility, which will be directly related to the 48 49 new jobs;
- (14) "New job", the number of full-time employees located at the project facility that exceeds the project facility base employment less any decrease in the number of full-time employees at related facilities below the related facility base 53employment. No job that was created prior to the date of the notice of intent shall be deemed a new job. An employee that spends less than fifty percent of the employee's work time at the facility is still considered to be located at a facility 55 if the employee receives his or her directions and control from that facility, is on

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the facility's payroll, one hundred percent of the employee's income from such employment is Missouri income, and the employee is paid at or above the state average wage;

- 60 (15) "New payroll", the amount of taxable wages of full-time employees, 61 excluding owners, located at the project facility that exceeds the project facility 62 base payroll. If full-time employment at related facilities is below the related 63 facility base employment, any decrease in payroll for full-time employees at the 64 related facilities below that related facility base payroll shall also be subtracted 65 to determine new payroll;
- (16) "Notice of intent", a form developed by the department, completed by the qualified company and submitted to the department which states the qualified company's intent to hire new jobs and request benefits under this program;
- 70 (17) "Percent of local incentives", the amount of local incentives divided 71 by the amount of new direct local revenue;
- 72 (18) "Program", the Missouri quality jobs program provided in sections 73 620.1875 to 620.1890;
 - (19) "Project facility", the building used by a qualified company at which the new jobs and new investment will be located. A project facility may include separate buildings that are located within one mile of each other **or within the** same county such that their purpose and operations are interrelated;
 - (20) "Project facility base employment", the greater of the number of full-time employees located at the project facility on the date of the notice of intent or for the twelve-month period prior to the date of the notice of intent, the average number of full-time employees located at the project facility. In the event the project facility has not been in operation for a full twelve-month period, the average number of full-time employees for the number of months the project facility has been in operation prior to the date of the notice of intent;
- 85 (21) "Project facility base payroll", the total amount of taxable wages paid 86 by the qualified company to full-time employees of the qualified company located 87 at the project facility in the twelve months prior to the notice of intent, not 88 including the payroll of the owners of the qualified company unless the qualified 89 company is participating in an employee stock ownership plan. For purposes of 90 calculating the benefits under this program, the amount of base payroll shall 91 increase each year based on an appropriate measure, as determined by the

- 92 department;
- 93 (22) "Project period", the time period that the benefits are provided to a 94 qualified company;
- 95 (23) "Qualified company", a firm, partnership, joint venture, association,
- 96 private or public corporation whether organized for profit or not, or headquarters
- 97 of such entity registered to do business in Missouri that is the owner or operator
- 98 of a project facility, offers health insurance to all full-time employees of all
- 99 facilities located in this state, and pays at least fifty percent of such insurance
- 100 premiums. For the purposes of sections 620.1875 to 620.1890, the term "qualified
- 101 company" shall not include:
- (a) Gambling establishments (NAICS industry group 7132);
- 103 (b) Retail trade establishments (NAICS sectors 44 and 45);
- 104 (c) Food and drinking places (NAICS subsector 722);
- 105 (d) Public utilities (NAICS 221 including water and sewer services);
- (e) Any company that is delinquent in the payment of any nonprotested
- 107 taxes or any other amounts due the state or federal government or any other
- 108 political subdivision of this state;
- (f) Any company that has filed for or has publicly announced its intention
- 110 to file for bankruptcy protection;
- 111 (g) Educational services (NAICS sector 61);
- 112 (h) Religious organizations (NAICS industry group 8131); [or]
- 113 (i) Public administration (NAICS sector 92);
- 114 (j) Ethanol distillation or production; or
- 115 (k) Biodiesel production.
- Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the headquarters
- 117 or administrative offices of an otherwise excluded business may qualify for
- 118 benefits if the offices serve a multistate territory. In the event a national, state,
- 119 or regional headquarters operation is not the predominant activity of a project
- 120 facility, the new jobs and investment of such headquarters operation is considered
- 121 eligible for benefits under this section if the other requirements are satisfied;
- 122 (24) "Qualified renewable energy sources" shall not be construed
- 123 to include ethanol distillation or production or biodiesel production;
- 124 however, it shall include:
- 125 (a) Open-looped biomass;
- 126 (b) Close-looped biomass;

- 127 (c) Solar;
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- 129 (e) Geothermal; and
- 130 **(f)** Hydropower;
- 131 (25) "Related company" means:
- 132 (a) A corporation, partnership, trust, or association controlled by the 133 qualified company;
- (b) An individual, corporation, partnership, trust, or association in controlof the qualified company; or
- 136 (c) Corporations, partnerships, trusts or associations controlled by an individual, corporation, partnership, trust or association in control of the 137 138 qualified company. As used in this subdivision, control of a corporation shall 139 mean ownership, directly or indirectly, of stock possessing at least fifty percent 140 of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote, control 141 of a partnership or association shall mean ownership of at least fifty percent of the capital or profits interest in such partnership or association, control of a trust 142 143 shall mean ownership, directly or indirectly, of at least fifty percent of the 144 beneficial interest in the principal or income of such trust, and ownership shall be determined as provided in Section 318 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 145 as amended; 146
 - [(25)] (26) "Related facility", a facility operated by the qualified company or a related company located in this state that is directly related to the operations of the project facility;
 - [(26)] (27) "Related facility base employment", the greater of the number of full-time employees located at all related facilities on the date of the notice of intent or for the twelve-month period prior to the date of the notice of intent, the average number of full-time employees located at all related facilities of the qualified company or a related company located in this state;
- [(27)] (28) "Related facility base payroll", the total amount of taxable wages paid by the qualified company to full-time employees of the qualified company located at a related facility in the twelve months prior to the filing of the notice of intent, not including the payroll of the owners of the qualified company unless the qualified company is participating in an employee stock ownership plan. For purposes of calculating the benefits under this program, the amount of related facility base payroll shall increase each year based on an

- appropriate measure, as determined by the department;
- [(28)] (29) "Rural area", a county in Missouri with a population less than
- 164 seventy-five thousand or that does not contain an individual city with a
- 165 population greater than fifty thousand according to the most recent federal
- 166 decennial census;
- [(29)] (30) "Small and expanding business project", a qualified company
- 168 that within two years of the date of the approval creates a minimum of twenty
- 169 new jobs if the project facility is located in a rural area or a minimum of forty
- 170 new jobs if the project facility is not located in a rural area and creates fewer
- 171 than one hundred new jobs regardless of the location of the project facility;
- [(30)] (31) "Tax credits", tax credits issued by the department to offset
- 173 the state income taxes imposed by chapters 143 and 148, RSMo, or which may be
- 174 sold or refunded as provided for in this program;
- 175 [(31)] (32) "Technology business project", a qualified company that within
- 176 two years of the date of the approval creates a minimum of ten new jobs involved
- 177 in the operations of a [technology] company:
- 178 (a) Which is a technology company, as determined by a regulation
- 179 promulgated by the department under the provisions of section 620.1884 or
- 180 classified by NAICS codes;
- 181 (b) Which owns or leases a facility which produces electricity
- 182 derived from qualified renewable energy sources, or produces fuel for
- 183 the generation of electricity from qualified renewable energy sources,
- 184 but does not include any company that has received the alcohol
- 185 mixture credit, alcohol credit, or small ethanol producer credit
- 186 pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Section 40 of the tax code in the previous tax
- 187 year; or
- 188 (c) Which researches, develops, or manufactures power system technology
- 189 for: aerospace; space; defense; hybrid vehicles; or implantable or wearable
- 190 medical devices;
- [(32)] (33) "Withholding tax", the state tax imposed by sections 143.191
- 192 to 143.265, RSMo. For purposes of this program, the withholding tax shall be
- 193 computed using a schedule as determined by the department based on average
- 194 wages.
 - 620.1881. 1. The department of economic development shall respond
 - 2 within thirty days to a company who provides a notice of intent with either an

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approval or a rejection of the notice of intent. The department shall give preference to qualified companies and projects targeted at an area of the state which has recently been classified as a disaster area by the federal 5 government. Failure to respond on behalf of the department of economic development shall result in the notice of intent being deemed an approval for the 7 purposes of this section. A qualified company who is provided an approval for a 9 project shall be allowed a benefit as provided in this program in the amount and 10 duration provided in this section. A qualified company may receive additional 11 periods for subsequent new jobs at the same facility after the full initial period if the minimum thresholds are met as set forth in sections 620.1875 to 12 620.1890. There is no limit on the number of periods a qualified company may 13 participate in the program, as long as the minimum thresholds are achieved and 14 the qualified company provides the department with the required reporting and 15 16 is in proper compliance for this program or other state programs. A qualified company may elect to file a notice of intent to start a new project period 17 concurrent with an existing project period if the minimum thresholds are 18 19 achieved and the qualified company provides the department with the required reporting and is in proper compliance for this program and other state programs; 20 however, the qualified company may not receive any further benefit under the 2122original approval for jobs created after the date of the new notice of intent, and 23any jobs created before the new notice of intent may not be included as new jobs 24for the purpose of benefit calculation in relation to the new approval.

2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any qualified company that is awarded benefits under this program may not simultaneously receive tax credits or exemptions under sections 135.100 to 135.150, sections 135.200 to 135.286, section 135.535, or sections 135.900 to 135.906, RSMo, at the same project facility. The benefits available to the company under any other state programs for which the company is eligible and which utilize withholding tax from the new jobs of the company must first be credited to the other state program before the withholding retention level applicable under the Missouri quality jobs act will begin to accrue. These other state programs include, but are not limited to, the new jobs training program under sections 178.892 to 178.896, RSMo, the job retention program under sections 178.760 to 178.764, RSMo, the real property tax increment allocation redevelopment act, sections 99.800 to 99.865, RSMo, or the Missouri downtown and rural economic stimulus act under

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sections 99.915 to 99.980, RSMo. If any qualified company also participates in 38 39 the new jobs training program in sections 178.892 to 178.896, RSMo, the company shall retain no withholding tax, but the department shall issue a refundable tax 40 41 credit for the full amount of benefit allowed under this subdivision. The calendar year annual maximum amount of tax credits which may be issued to a qualifying 42company that also participates in the new job training program shall be increased by an amount equivalent to the withholding tax retained by that company under 44 45 the new jobs training program. However, if the combined benefits of the quality 46 jobs program and the new jobs training program exceed the projected state benefit of the project, as determined by the department of economic development 47 through a cost-benefit analysis, the increase in the maximum tax credits shall be 48 limited to the amount that would not cause the combined benefits to exceed the 49 projected state benefit. Any taxpayer who is awarded benefits under this 50 program who knowingly hires individuals who are not allowed to work legally in 51 the United States shall immediately forfeit such benefits and shall repay the 52state an amount equal to any state tax credits already redeemed and any 53 withholding taxes already retained. 54

- 3. The types of projects and the amount of benefits to be provided are:
- (1) Small and expanding business projects: in exchange for the consideration provided by the new tax revenues and other economic stimuli that will be generated by the new jobs created by the program, a qualified company may retain an amount equal to the withholding tax as calculated under subdivision (32) of section 620.1878 from the new jobs that would otherwise be withheld and remitted by the qualified company under the provisions of sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, for a period of three years from the date the required number of new jobs were created if the average wage of the new payroll equals or exceeds the county average wage or for a period of five years from the date the required number of new jobs were created if the average wage of the new payroll equals or exceeds one hundred twenty percent of the county average wage;
- 67 (2) Technology business projects: in exchange for the consideration 68 provided by the new tax revenues and other economic stimuli that will be 69 generated by the new jobs created by the program, a qualified company may 70 retain an amount equal to a maximum of five percent of new payroll for a period 71 of five years from the date the required number of jobs were created from the 72 withholding tax of the new jobs that would otherwise be withheld and remitted

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73 by the qualified company under the provisions of sections 143.191 to 143.265, 74 RSMo, if the average wage of the new payroll equals or exceeds the county average wage. An additional one-half percent of new payroll may be added to the 7576 five percent maximum if the average wage of the new payroll in any year exceeds one hundred twenty percent of the county average wage in the county in which 7778 the project facility is located, plus an additional one-half percent of new payroll 79 may be added if the average wage of the new payroll in any year exceeds one 80 hundred forty percent of the average wage in the county in which the project 81 facility is located. The department shall issue a refundable tax credit for any difference between the amount of benefit allowed under this subdivision and the 82 amount of withholding tax retained by the company, in the event the withholding 83 tax is not sufficient to provide the entire amount of benefit due to the qualified 84 company under this subdivision. The calendar year annual maximum amount of 85 86 tax credits that may be issued to any qualified company for a project or combination of projects is five hundred thousand dollars; 87

(3) High impact projects: in exchange for the consideration provided by the new tax revenues and other economic stimuli that will be generated by the new jobs created by the program, a qualified company may retain an amount from the withholding tax of the new jobs that would otherwise be withheld and remitted by the qualified company under the provisions of sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, equal to three percent of new payroll for a period of five years from the date the required number of jobs were created if the average wage of the new payroll equals or exceeds the county average wage of the county in which the project facility is located. The percentage of payroll allowed under this subdivision shall be three and one-half percent of new payroll if the average wage of the new payroll in any year exceeds one hundred twenty percent of the county average wage in the county in which the project facility is located. The percentage of payroll allowed under this subdivision shall be four percent of new payroll if the average wage of the new payroll in any year exceeds one hundred forty percent of the county average wage in the county in which the project facility is located. An additional one percent of new payroll may be added to these percentages if local incentives equal between ten percent and twenty-four percent of the new direct local revenue; an additional two percent of new payroll is added to these percentages if the local incentives equal between twenty-five percent and forty-nine percent of the new direct local revenue; or an additional

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108 three percent of payroll is added to these percentages if the local incentives equal 109 fifty percent or more of the new direct local revenue. The department shall issue a refundable tax credit for any difference between the amount of benefit allowed 110 111 under this subdivision and the amount of withholding tax retained by the company, in the event the withholding tax is not sufficient to provide the entire 112113 amount of benefit due to the qualified company under this subdivision. The calendar year annual maximum amount of tax credits that may be issued to any 114 qualified company for a project or combination of projects is seven hundred fifty 115116 thousand dollars. The calendar year annual maximum amount of tax credit that may be issued to any qualified company for a project or combination of projects 117may be increased up to one million dollars if the number of new jobs will exceed 118 five hundred and if such action is proposed by the department and approved by 119 the quality jobs advisory task force established in section 620.1887; provided, 120 121however, until such time as the initial at-large members of the quality jobs advisory task force are appointed, this determination shall be made by the 122director of the department of economic development. In considering such a 123request, the task force shall rely on economic modeling and other information 124supplied by the department when requesting the increased limit on behalf of the 125126 project;

- (4) Job retention projects: a qualified company may receive a tax credit for the retention of jobs in this state, provided the qualified company and the project meets all of the following conditions:
- (a) For each of the twenty-four months preceding the year in which application for the program is made the qualified company must have maintained at least one thousand full-time employees at the employer's site in the state at which the jobs are based, and the average wage of such employees must meet or exceed the county average wage;
 - (b) The qualified company retained at the project facility the level of full-time employees that existed in the taxable year immediately preceding the year in which application for the program is made;
- 138 (c) The qualified company is considered to have a significant statewide 139 effect on the economy, and has been determined to represent a substantial risk 140 of relocation from the state by the quality jobs advisory task force established in 141 section 620.1887; provided, however, until such time as the initial at-large 142 members of the quality jobs advisory task force are appointed, this determination

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143 shall be made by the director of the department of economic development;

- (d) The qualified company in the project facility will cause to be invested a minimum of seventy million dollars in new investment prior to the end of two years or will cause to be invested a minimum of thirty million dollars in new investment prior to the end of two years and maintain an annual payroll of at least seventy million dollars during each of the years for which a credit is claimed; and
- 150 (e) The local taxing entities shall provide local incentives of at least fifty
 151 percent of the new direct local revenues created by the project over a ten-year
 152 period.
- 153 The quality jobs advisory task force may recommend to the department of economic development that appropriate penalties be applied to the company for 154 violating the agreement. The amount of the job retention credit granted may be 155 156 equal to up to fifty percent of the amount of withholding tax generated by the full-time jobs at the project facility for a period of five years. The calendar year 157 annual maximum amount of tax credit that may be issued to any qualified 158 company for a job retention project or combination of job retention projects shall 159 be seven hundred fifty thousand dollars per year, but the maximum amount may 160 be increased up to one million dollars if such action is proposed by the 161 162 department and approved by the quality jobs advisory task force established in 163 section 620.1887; provided, however, until such time as the initial at-large 164 members of the quality jobs advisory task force are appointed, this determination 165 shall be made by the director of the department of economic development. In 166 considering such a request, the task force shall rely on economic modeling and other information supplied by the department when requesting the increased 167 168 limit on behalf of the job retention project. In no event shall the total amount of 169 all tax credits issued for the entire job retention program under this subdivision exceed three million dollars annually. Notwithstanding the above, no tax credits 170 171 shall be issued for job retention projects approved by the department after August 172 30, [2007] **2013**;
 - (5) Small business job retention and flood survivor relief: a qualified company may receive a tax credit under sections 620.1875 to 620.1890 for the retention of jobs and flood survivor relief in this state for each job retained over a three-year period, provided that:
 - (a) The qualified company did not receive any state or federal benefits,

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178 incentives, or tax relief or abatement in locating its facility in a flood plain;

- 179 (b) The qualified company and related companies have fewer than one 180 hundred employees at the time application for the program is made;
- 181 (c) The average wage of the qualified company's and related companies'
 182 employees must meet or exceed the county average wage;
- 183 (d) All of the qualified company's and related companies' facilities are located in this state;
- (e) The facilities at the primary business site in this state have been directly damaged by floodwater rising above the level of a five hundred year flood at least two years, but fewer than eight years, prior to the time application is made;
- 189 (f) The qualified company made significant efforts to protect the facilities 190 prior to any impending danger from rising floodwaters;
- 191 (g) For each year it receives tax credits under sections 620.1875 to 192 620.1890, the qualified company and related companies retained, at the 193 company's facilities in this state, at least the level of full-time, year-round 194 employees that existed in the taxable year immediately preceding the year in 195 which application for the program is made; and
- (h) In the years it receives tax credits under sections 620.1875 to 620.1890, the company cumulatively invests at least two million dollars in capital improvements in facilities and equipment located at such facilities that are not located within a five hundred year flood plain as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and amended from time to time.
 - The amount of the small business job retention and flood survivor relief credit granted may be equal to up to one hundred percent of the amount of withholding tax generated by the full-time jobs at the project facility for a period of three years. The calendar year annual maximum amount of tax credit that may be issued to any qualified company for a small business job retention and survivor relief project shall be two hundred fifty thousand dollars per year, but the maximum amount may be increased up to five hundred thousand dollars if such action is proposed by the department and approved by the quality jobs advisory task force established in section 620.1887. In considering such a request, the task force shall rely on economic modeling and other information supplied by the department when requesting an increase in the limit on behalf of the small business job retention and flood survivor relief project. In no event shall the total

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amount of all tax credits issued for the entire small business job retention and flood survivor relief program under this subdivision exceed five hundred thousand dollars annually. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision to the contrary, no tax credits shall be issued for small business job retention and flood survivor relief projects approved by the department after August 30, 2010.

- 4. The qualified company shall provide an annual report of the number of jobs and such other information as may be required by the department to document the basis for the benefits of this program. The department may withhold the approval of any benefits until it is satisfied that proper documentation has been provided, and shall reduce the benefits to reflect any reduction in full-time employees or new payroll. Upon approval by the department, the qualified company may begin the retention of the withholding taxes when it reaches the minimum number of new jobs and the average wage exceeds the county average wage. Tax credits, if any, may be issued upon satisfaction by the department that the qualified company has exceeded the county average wage and the minimum number of new jobs. In such annual report, if the average wage is below the county average wage, the qualified company has not maintained the employee insurance as required, or if the number of new jobs is below the minimum, the qualified company shall not receive tax credits or retain the withholding tax for the balance of the benefit period. In the case of a qualified company that initially filed a notice of intent and received an approval from the department for high impact benefits and the minimum number of new jobs in an annual report is below the minimum for high impact projects, the company shall not receive tax credits for the balance of the benefit period but may continue to retain the withholding taxes if it otherwise meets the requirements of a small and expanding business under this program.
- 5. The maximum calendar year annual tax credits issued for the entire program shall not exceed [forty] sixty million dollars. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the maximum annual tax credits authorized under section 135.535, RSMo, are hereby reduced from ten million dollars to eight million dollars, with the balance of two million dollars transferred to this program. There shall be no limit on the amount of withholding taxes that may be retained by approved companies under this program.
- 6. The department shall allocate the annual tax credits based on the date of the approval, reserving such tax credits based on the department's best

estimate of new jobs and new payroll of the project, and the other factors in the determination of benefits of this program. However, the annual issuance of tax credits is subject to the annual verification of the actual new payroll. The allocation of tax credits for the period assigned to a project shall expire if, within two years from the date of commencement of operations, or approval if applicable, the minimum thresholds have not been achieved. The qualified company may retain authorized amounts from the withholding tax under this section once the minimum new jobs thresholds are met for the duration of the project period. No benefits shall be provided under this program until the qualified company meets the minimum new jobs thresholds. In the event the qualified company does not meet the minimum new job threshold, the qualified company may submit a new notice of intent or the department may provide a new approval for a new project of the qualified company at the project facility or other facilities.

- 7. For a qualified company with flow-through tax treatment to its members, partners, or shareholders, the tax credit shall be allowed to members, partners, or shareholders in proportion to their share of ownership on the last day of the qualified company's tax period.
- 8. Tax credits may be claimed against taxes otherwise imposed by chapters 143 and 148, RSMo, and may not be carried forward but shall be claimed within one year of the close of the taxable year for which they were issued, except as provided under subdivision (4) of subsection 3 of this section.
 - 9. Tax credits authorized by this section may be transferred, sold, or assigned by filing a notarized endorsement thereof with the department that names the transferree, the amount of tax credit transferred, and the value received for the credit, as well as any other information reasonably requested by the department.
 - 10. Prior to the issuance of tax credits, the department shall verify through the department of revenue, or any other state department, that the tax credit applicant does not owe any delinquent income, sales, or use tax or interest or penalties on such taxes, or any delinquent fees or assessments levied by any state department and through the department of insurance that the applicant does not owe any delinquent insurance taxes. Such delinquency shall not affect the authorization of the application for such tax credits, except that at issuance credits shall be first applied to the delinquency and any amount issued shall be reduced by the applicant's tax delinquency. If the department of revenue or the

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283 department of insurance, or any other state department, concludes that a 284 taxpayer is delinquent after June fifteenth but before July first of any year and the application of tax credits to such delinquency causes a tax deficiency on 285 286 behalf of the taxpayer to arise, then the taxpayer shall be granted thirty days to 287 satisfy the deficiency in which interest, penalties, and additions to tax shall be 288 tolled. After applying all available credits toward a tax delinquency, the 289 administering agency shall notify the appropriate department and that 290 department shall update the amount of outstanding delinquent tax owed by the 291 applicant. If any credits remain after satisfying all insurance, income, sales, and 292 use tax delinquencies, the remaining credits shall be issued to the applicant, 293 subject to the restrictions of other provisions of law.

- 11. Except as provided under subdivision (4) of subsection 3 of this section, the director of revenue shall issue a refund to the qualified company to the extent that the amount of credits allowed in this section exceeds the amount of the qualified company's income tax.
- 298 12. An employee of a qualified company will receive full credit for the amount of tax withheld as provided in section 143.211, RSMo.
 - 13. If any provision of sections 620.1875 to 620.1890 or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of these sections which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of sections 620.1875 to 620.1890 are hereby declared severable.



